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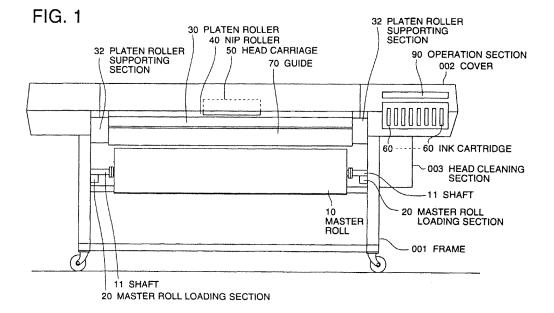
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### (54) Liquid jetting apparatus

(57) In a liquid jetting apparatus provided with a head provided with a liquid jetting section; a feeding section for feeding a liquid to the head; and a control section for controlling the liquid jetting section to jet the liquid

such that a jetting trace of the liquid is recorded on a recording medium; the liquid jetting apparatus is further provided with a liquid ejecting section for varying a pressure in the head in plural steps so as to eject the liquid in the head from the liquid jetting section.





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LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION
The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:
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## LACK OF UNITY OF INVENTION SHEET B

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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: 16-34

printhead wiping means

2. Claims: 1-15

- declogging of the printhead by means of pressurization - declogging of the printhead by means of suction  $\,$ 

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